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1. In early April 1954, the Ministry for Heavy Industry appointed a scientific council to study problems of so-called "Verbundwirtschaft". The scientific council has held several meetings in which administrative personnel of the Ministry and appropriate personnel of the individual factories attended.
2. One of the problems under study is the more rational exploitation of East German Diesel fuel production capacity. In the past, VEB Traktorwerkzeugbau Rostitz has produced Diesel fuel from light oil furnished by VEB Synthesewerk Schwarzheide (formerly an SAG plant). The Diesel fuel produced by Koepsen, Webau and Rostitz was of poor quality and was manufactured in insufficient quantities. The scientific council has therefore proposed to the Ministry that in the future Diesel fuel be produced only at VEB Hydrierwerk Zeitz (formerly an SAG) and VEB Leunawerk "Walter Ulbricht". This change-over is to become effective at the beginning of the third quarter of 1954. The Koepsen, Webau and Rostitz plants are then to give up Diesel fuel production and to restrict their production to paraffin and binders for road construction (Strassenbaubindemittel).

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